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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of **Richard D. Hibbs**, Lake Stevens, Washington; and **Denise E. Hibbs**, Stanwood, Washington, entitled APPARATUS FOR SECURING A CAP OF A CONTAINER TO AN EXTERNAL STRUCTURE, executed on October 14, 2003.

- X 1. An application consisting of 10 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 2 sheets of drawings is attached.
- X 2. A newly executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. Please note that the correct middle initial for the second named inventor is "E," which is evidenced in the signature of the inventor.
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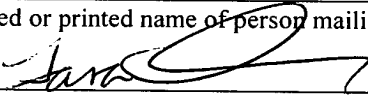


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